1992-93 which will facilitate augmentation of junction on a large number of routes.

(iii) Phasing out of electro-mechanical exchanges during the 8th Plan period.

Vijayanagar Steel Plant

2010. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far by the Union Government and the Karnataka Government on the Vijayanagar steel plant; and

(b) when the proposed steel plant is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) and (b). The Union Government has spent around Rs. 12 crores on the Vijayanagar Steel Project. However, an investment decision on this project could not be taken by the Union Government due to resource constraints.

The Karnataka Government has also proposed to set up a steel plant at the same location in the joint sector. Information regarding the amount spent by the State Government on the project and the commissioning schedule has not been received from the State Government.

Performance of News Readers of Doordarshan, Air and Sports Commentators

2011. SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a committee to review the performances of news readers of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the findings of the committee and the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to have a similar committee for reviewing the performances of news readers of AIR.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor:

(e) whether Government are also contemplating to review the performance of sports commentators whose performances have not been upto the mark; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AID BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

(e) There is already a regular system of evaluating the performance of sports commentators.

(f) Does not arise.

Ahmedabad Airport as International Airport

2012. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Ahmedabad Airport as an international airport; and

(b) if so, by when the international flights are likely to be operated?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Air India already provides a twice weekly connection to west-bound flights out of Bombay with customs and immigration clearance at Ahmedabad.

Automatic Telephone Exchange in Midnapore, West Bengal

2013 SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to set up an Automatic Telephone Exchanges with STD facilities at Dighe (famous tourist spot) and at Dhargram in Midnapore Distnct, West Bengal,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Electronic Exchange has already been set up at Dighe. STD facility would be extented to Dighe by second quarter of 1992.

Electronic exchange at Jhargram (not Dhargram) is planned to be set up by March, 1993, and STD facility will be provided during 1994

(c) Not applicable, Sir.

Irregularities in Allotment of Telephone from MPs Quota

2014. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Members of Parliament have written letters to him regarding irregularities committed in allotment of telephones from their personal quota;

(b) if so, the number of letters received in this regard during 1991;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted in this regard,

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the details of the action taken against the persons found guilty?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Six complaints were received from M.Ps. during the period from July, 91 to December, 1991.

(c) and (d). Investigations have been assigned to the police in cases in which the concerned MPs alleged that their signatures had been forged. Some MPs also complained that telephones had been allotted to persons they did not know.

(e) The police authorities are entrusted with the investigations to take action against the persons found guilty.

Fishing Coconut Processing Industries in Lakshadweep

2015. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minster of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state

(a) whether it is proposed to set up new fish/coconut processing industries in Lakshadweep;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and